Indian Ailines:

(i) 5 per cent commission of domestic sales and 9 per cent commission on international sales.

(ii) Two tickets with 75 per cent discount and one ticket for accompanying spouse with 50 per cent discount are allowed per approved location per year, to full time employees of the agent.

(c) In order to meet the competition from other carriers Air India offers productivity linked bonus in the range of 1 to 7 per cent to selected agents in certain regions, based on revenue performance .

भड़ौच में विमानपत्तन का निर्माण

4313. श्री कनक सिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला: क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गुजरात सरकार ने भड़ौच में विमानपत्तन के निर्माण हेतु कोई प्रस्ताव भेजा है; और

(ख) यदि हां' तो सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या निर्णय लिया गया है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Programme to boost tourism improvement in India

4314. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what are the new programmes to boost tourism in India;

(b) what is total earning of foreign exchange in the years 1990 to 1994, year-wise;

(c) whether the tourism industry is admirably at growth or sick, if so what steps Government contemplated to take to improve tourism;

(d) how many new aircrafts have been put in service in Indian Airlines;

(e) what will be the impact of GATT agreement on aviation industry; and

(f) whether Government expect stiff competition from multinational companies or the industry will have no such terms in future ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Development of tourism is a continuous process and it involves improvement of infrastructure facilities, publicity anj promotion, development of human resources etc.

(b). The estimated foreign exchange earnings from tourism since 1990-91 are as given below:—

Year	Estimated foreign exchange earning (Rs. in Crores)
1990-91	2622.50
1991-92	4892.00
1992-93	6060.00
1993-94 (P)	6509.00
1994-95 (P)	7365.61

(P) : Provisional

(c) Information available with the Government does not suggest that tourism industry is sick.

(d) The Indian Airlines put in service 7 new aircrafts during 1993 and 5 during 1994.

(e) GATT agreement is not likely to have any impact on aviation industry.

(f) The role of the Government is to provide facilities for the development of the industry and as such it does not compete with any group of companies.

Enquiry into aircraft landing in Hyderabad

4315. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Captain Bhalla hasbeen given a good chit regarding the aircraft landing at agricultural land in Hyderabad to a

(b) whether Government think that Captain Bhalla's decision saved the lives of the air passengers and as such he should be given the nations highest award rather than put him on the dock and make him starve pending departmental inquiry;

(c) whether it is a fact that the enquiry into the Hyderabad forced landing is hanging fire;

(d) if completed whether Government would place the enquiry report on the Table of the House; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b). Indian Airlines Airbus A-30O aircraft, operating flight from Madras to Delhi via Hyderabad, under the command of Capt. R. P. Bhalla met with an accident in a paddy field near Tirupati on 15th November, 1993. The accident was investigated by a Court of inquiry appointed by the Government. The investigations have revealed certain lapses on the part of Capt. Bhalla for which his Pilot-in-Command rating on A-300 aircraft has been suspended for a period of one and a half year from the date of accident.

(c) to (e) The inquiry has been completed and as per the practice, the report °f the Court of Inquiry, alongwith Government's decision on the findings and recommendation made therein, has been placed in the Parliament House Library in October, 1994.

Proposal from NRIs for modernisation of Airports

4316. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received offers from the Non-Resident Indians for modernisation of airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c): A proposal was received from the State Government of Kerala for extension of runway of Calicut airport for wide-bodied aircraft with the financial help of the public including non-resident Indians. The Malabar International Airport Development Society, set up by the State Government, has undertaken the responsibility of mobilising resources and providing the funds to Airports Authority of lndia as advance to be repaid out of the earnings of the airport. The Central Government has given its no objection to the proposal.

National Plan Target forget for the Arrival of Foreign Tourists

4317. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up national plan target for the arrival of foreign tourists by the end of century;